

**December 26, 2021**

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Mary & Joseph



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A Welcoming Catholic Community

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**Our Mission:**

"Sacred Heart Parish is dedicated to responding faithfully to God's call as a Catholic Community and to serve Him and others through worship, fellowship, education and social justice."

**PARISH INFORMATION:**

Parish Office Hours — Monday thru Thursday 9-1

Enter the Parish Center building via the Newell Street entrance.

New parishioners should register at: [www.thepinkchurch.com](http://www.thepinkchurch.com)

**LORD'S DAY MASSES**

Saturday 4:00 PM Sunday 8:30 A.M. and 10:30 AM

**DAILY MASS**

Monday through Thursday 9:00 AM Mass.

Communion Service — Friday 9:00 AM

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Saturday at 3:00 PM — 3:30 PM

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Friday — After Mass (9:30 AM to 12 Noon) in the church

**BAPTISMS**

Contact the Rectory 443-6960 to assist in the planning for the Sacrament of Baptism in accordance with the Catholic Faith

**RCIA**

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Contact St. Joseph Rectory at 445-5789

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION**

Please notify the parish office one year in advance

**PRAYER REQUEST LINE**

Please call the Rectory at 443-6960



*The Holy Family*

After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers. - Lk 2:46-47

# Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Saturday, December 25th

8:30 AM+ **CHRISTMAS MASS**  
The Holy Family  
**Sacred Heart Parishioners**

10:30 AM+ **CHRISTMAS MASS**  
The Holy Family  
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Sunday, December 26th

8:30 AM+ **Cora Ellen Cooney**  
requested by: The Knights of Columbus  
St. Stephen's Council #2284

10:30 AM+ **Timothy DeMarco**  
requested by: Helen Ward

Monday, December 27th

9:00 AM+ **No Mass—Parish Office Closed**

Tuesday, December 28th

9:00 AM+ **Betty Argentino**  
requested by: Rosemary Polidoro

Wednesday, December 29th

9:00 AM+ **Eleanor Herlihy**  
(1st Anniversary) requested by:  
Her Sister in-law, Maryann

Thursday, December 30th

9:00 AM+ **Elizabeth Argentino**  
requested by: Nancy & Aldo Battaini

Friday, December 31st

**NO COMMUNION SERVICE / ADORATION**

Saturday, January 1st NEW YEARS DAY

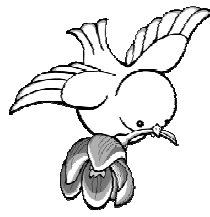
9:00 AM+ **Eleanor Herlihy**  
requested by: Her Sister in-law, Maryann

4:00 PM+ **The DeBlieux Family**  
requested by: Don & Mary

Sunday, January 2nd

8:30 AM+ **David Nichols** (1st Anniversary)  
requested by: Family

10:30 AM+ **Margaret Polidoro** requested by:  
Joseph & Anne Polidoro and Children



## At Rest in the Arms of Jesus

Please remember in your prayers:

**Paul Boyd, Jeanne Desnoyers,  
Victor Bonneau, Charles Kurek  
and Joan Johnson**

May they rest in peace

## A New Year's Prayer

Lord, You make all things new  
You bring hope alive in our hearts  
And cause our Spirits to be born again.

Thank you for this new year  
For all the potential it holds.

Come and kindle in us

A mighty flame

So that in our time,

Many will see the wonders of God

And live forever to praise

Your glorious name

Amen



### 2022 FRIDAY MASS ANNOUNCEMENT

Effective on January 7th — Rev. Peter Gregory will be celebrating Mass every Friday at 9 AM  
We are forever grateful to Fr. Peter for his tireless generosity and good heartedness.

### MASS BOOK OPENINGS

To book a mass, please stop by the Parish office at 56 Newell Street, send an e-mail to: pinkchurch@aol.com or simply call the Parish office at (413)443-6960

### SACRED HEART PARISH—PRAYER LINE

The prayer line is still active at Sacred Heart Church. Call the Parish Office at (413)443-6960 to leave your prayer request by Wednesday. First name of the person to be prayed for as well as the mass intention prayer.



### THE SANCTUARY CANDLE

will burn this week for:

**Deceased Members of the Carchedi,  
Monteleone and Ricchi Family**

requested by: Family



Sunday — Fr. William Murphy  
Monday — Fr. Michael Lillpopp  
Tuesday — Our Deacons  
Wednesday — Fr. Peter Naranjo  
Thursday — Msgr. John Bonzagni  
Friday — Our Seminarians  
Saturday — Pope Francis



**THE WELL THAT NEVER DRIES UP**

Depending on how your mood is today, the words of Paul will hit you differently. “Rejoice always,” he tells us. Well, if your football team is poised to win this

weekend or next, maybe you’re really feeling this vibe. But if you’ve got a long slog at work ahead of you this week and a to-do list that only seems to grow and never shrink, it may make you grumble. “Rejoice always? Always? When I’m tired? Cranky? When I’m sick of doing and giving? Thanks, Paul. I’ll be sure to scribble that phrase on a Post-It and stick it to my dashboard for when some entitled punk inevitably cuts me off on tomorrow’s morning commute.”

When we feel this way, we know it’s time to head back to the well. Think of all the places in Scripture where God compares His love, His mercy, His salvation to water. And not just any water — living water, water that moves. God’s strength is not a stagnant puddle sure to evaporate and disappear. It’s water you can keep coming back to. It’s water that never dries up.

Which is good news for us, because we never stop failing to do what we should, never stop failing to feel the joy and the compassion and the selflessness we are called to. We need a source of living water if we are going to ‘rejoice always.’ To be everyday stewards, we need a well that never empties. The fountain of salvation never dries up. There is always more there for us to draw from. It’s a sign of His commitment — so let us, in turn, be committed to Him. —lpi

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**SACRED HEART PARISH—WKLY GIVING —12/5**

Weekly Collection —\$6,807.25  
 On-line —\$2,747.00  
 Total Giving — \$9,554.00

**SACRED HEART PARISH—WKLY GIVING —12/12**

Weekly Collection —\$6,252.25  
 On-line —\$1,328.00  
 Religious Retirement—\$557.00 All Souls—\$30.00  
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 Total Giving — \$8,777.25

Thank you for your generous support to Sacred Heart Church!

**Happy New Year!**

As we prepare to flip the calendar to a brand new year, maintaining a joyful attitude, a strong prayer life and a grateful nature, are indeed how we should prepare to welcome the Christ Child into our hearts, it is also an excellent recipe for daily Christian living — especially as we wipe the slate clean and enter into 2022.

We are in a season of making resolutions, which, let’s face it, most of the time we aren’t that great about keeping. But perhaps we could set aside grand plans based in vanity or materialism and rather commit to these simple resolutions of being a bit more joyful, to praying a few minutes more a day and to turning our grumbling into gratitude!

**ADVENT JOY—FORGIVENESS**

“At times how hard it seems to forgive! And yet pardon is the instrument placed into our fragile hands to attain serenity of heart. To let go of anger, wrath, violence and revenge are necessary conditions to living joyfully.” Pope Francis

With a pink candle in the Advent wreath, the third week is a time to start feeling the joy of Christmas. However, it is hard to feel true joy if our hearts are cold with bitterness or resentment. One of the important steps to both joy and mercy is to forgive. Forgiving is not easy. For some crazy reason, we like to hang on to our anger and hurt. However, carrying this baggage is no way to approach the Christ Child in the manger. Our Advent season should be a time to embrace merciful forgiveness.

Often, the first person we must forgive is ourselves. We must stop concentrating on our past mistakes, shortcomings and weaknesses. A merciful God loves and forgives us for all of this. When we are able to forgive ourselves, we are then more able to forgive others. Whether we need to forgive a family member, friend, co-worker, neighbor, past acquaintance, stranger or society, now is the time to do it. It is not always necessary for us to actually confront the one we need to forgive. In fact, bringing up old pain can sometimes be more harmful than helpful. We just need to resolve to set aside our anger and replace it with love, mercy and compassion. This simple decision can flood our hearts with joy.—lpi

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